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Re: U.S. Patent Application (Divisional)  
Corresponding to U.S. Divisional Patent Application  
Serial No. 08/911,101 filed on August 14, 1997  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COPY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
By: Yoshikazu IKENOUE, Hideo KUMASHIRO, and Munehiro  
NAKATANI  
Attorney Docket No.: 05058/16305

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers for a divisional patent application relating to IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COPY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, Yoshikazu IKENOUE, Hideo KUMASHIRO, and Munehiro NAKATANI, inventors:

- (1) Specification, based on the specification as filed in the parent application Serial No. 08/911,101, to which no new matter has been added (45 pages, including 41 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Transmittal Letter (2 pages) with a Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from ancestor application Serial No. 08/084,408 (3 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings, based on the drawings as filed in the parent application Serial No. 08/911,101, to which no new matter has been added (41 sheets);

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- (4) Preliminary Amendment (which cancels claims 1-41 and adds new claims 42-67) (9 pages);
- (5) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (3 pages); and
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (6 pages) with attached PTO-1449 form (2 pages) and copies of the cited references (41 references)

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to the determination of the filing fees.

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The new application is a divisional of copending parent application Serial No. 08/911,101, filed August 14, 1997, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/327,223, filed October 21, 1994, which issued on September 23, 1997 as U.S. Patent No. 5,671,277, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/084,408, filed June 29, 1993, now abandoned, which claimed priority from Japanese Patent Application Nos. 4-172617, filed June 30, 1992, 4-172621, filed June 30, 1992, 4-172659, filed June 30, 1992, 4-172672, filed June 30, 1992, and 4-172680, filed June 30, 1992.


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An Assignment from the inventors to Minolta Camera Kabushiki Kaisha of application Serial No. 08/084,408 is recorded on **REEL 6606, FRAME 0580**. A Change of Name from Minolta Camera Kabushiki Kaisha to Minolta Co., Ltd. is recorded on **REEL 8942, FRAME 0111** of application Serial No. 08/911,101.

The Declaration and Power of Attorney in the ancestor application Serial No. 08/084,408, was filed by Yoshikazu IKENOUE, Hideo KUMASHIRO, and Munehiro NAKATANI, and was to certain attorneys of Willian Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione; however, a Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and a new Power of Attorney with Certification Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) in the prior Application Serial No. 08/327,223 was filed by the assignee on January 29, 1997, and the new Power is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP, Dallas, Texas. A Change of Correspondence Address in the prior Application Serial No. 08/911,101 was also filed on May 21, 1998. On or about May 3, 2001, the power of attorney was changed to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 24367 and the correspondence address was changed to that associated with Customer No. 24367.

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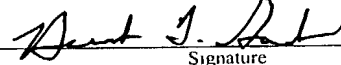
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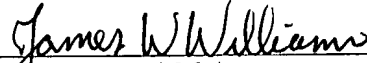
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**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA**

Submitted herewith is bibliographic data (3 pages) for the above-identified application, in the PrintEFS Version 1.0.1 program format.

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